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IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. When striketrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims 1, 9, 21, and 33-35 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A laminated composite comprising:
an optical layer having a light reflectivity; and
a latent image formation layer, the latent image formation layer containing a liquid crystalline polymer material and provided on one of major surfaces of the optical layer,
wherein said latent image formation layer comprises at least one oriented portion in which chains of the liquid crystalline polymer material are orientationally arranged in a single direction substantially parallel to a major surface of the latent image formation layer, and at least one non-oriented portion in which an orientation degree of the chains of the liquid crystalline polymer material is lower than an orientation degree of the chains in the oriented portion, ~~and~~
wherein said at least one oriented portion and said at least one non-oriented portion constitute a latent image which is unrecognizable by a direct visual observation of the composite ~~and recognizable by a visual observation of the composite through a polarizing member if the polarizing member is arranged at an observer side close to the latent image formation layer, and~~
wherein said laminated composite is configured to visualize the latent image by arranging a polarizing member at an observer side close to the latent image formation layer.

2. (original) The composite according to claim 1, wherein said liquid crystalline polymer material is a thermotropic liquid crystalline polymer material.

3. (original) The composite according to claim 1, wherein said optical layer is a specular reflection layer.